

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 7, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SEBASTIAN made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 253.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Wetonsaw, son of James Connor, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report as follows:

The memorialists, the legal representatives of Wetonsaw, son of James Connor, state, that in the treaty of 14th January, 1837, between the United States and the Saginaw band of Chippewa Indians, the sum of \$400 was secured to said Wetonsaw, and paid by mistake to other parties. They claim payment of this amount, and the committee submit the letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, hereto annexed, as a full and brief report of the facts.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, February 4, 1860.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the memorial to Congress of the legal representatives of Wetonsaw, son of James Connor, deceased, signed by Josiah Polk, attorney, &c., inclosed in your communication of the 24th ultimo, and in reference thereto, have to state as follows:

Under the Saginaw treaty of January 14, 1837, per schedule B, attached thereto, (see Statutes at Large, volume 7, page 532,) there was reserved for "Wetonsaw, son of James Connor, \$400."

In the second quarter of 1856, Agent Gilbert paid the amount reserved to Wetonsaw to parties representing themselves to be the heirs of said Wetonsaw, living in Michigan. Subsequently it was ascertained, by investigation, through Agent Fitch, that the payment by Agent Gilbert was erroneously made, and that James Connor, jr., who died in Hamilton county, Indiana, some time in 1848, and on which estate William Connor and Hiram G. Fitch, of the county of Hamilton, in the State of Indiana, are the administrators, was the person mentioned as Wetonsaw, son of James Connor, in schedule B attached to the treaty of January 14, 1837.

In view, then, of the above state of facts, this office would respectfully recommend that the prayer made in the memorial referred to should be granted.

The memorial referred to in the foregoing is herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. B. GREENWOOD,
Commissioner.

Hon. W. K. SEBASTIAN,

Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs, U. S. Senate.